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Dear Kirk,

Because you have always had a special interest in our building I thought you might be particularly pleased to have the attached book as a memento. We are most appreciative of your initiative in improving the interior design of our quarters.

You might be interested to know that this is one of nine copies in existence. Some time when you are in the Agency I am sure you would want to see the enlargements of these pictures which are framed and currently displayed in Corridor 1A.

Yours,

Richard Helms

17 January 1972/DRAFT:JQR

Mr. John D. Ehrlichman Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear John:

Perhaps you have noticed the statue of Nathan Hale in front of the Justice Department on Constitution Avenue.

Some of our people at Langley with a sense of historical tradition have suggested that we link CIA with one of the nation's first intelligence agents by moving the statue to our site. The attached notes give a few facts about the statue.

Before pursuing the idea further, I wonder whether you see any problems or any reluctance on the part of Interior to approve the move. It would be made without ceremony or publicity.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. William Colby

Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT

Statue of Nathan Hale

With regard to your earlier request about the statue of Nathan Hale which stands on the Constitution side of the Department of Justice, and your query to Mr. Reber regarding the sculptor, etc., I can now furnish you the following information.

- (1) Engraved on the bronze base of the statue is a statement that it is a replica of the one at Yale University.
- (2) A photograph of the statue at Yale is shown on page 562 of the attached book on Nathan Hale by George Dudley Seymour. I think there may be differences in the stone base but the statues appear to be identical.
- (3) You will note in the text at page 563 that the original sketch model for the statue was made by Bela Lyon Pratt about 1898. It is not certain from the text when the bronze was actually cast but the gift of the statue to Yale was made in 1914.

Walter Pforzheimer Curator Historical Intelligence Collection

cc: Mr. Reber